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# **Contractor License Revocations**

**RICHMOND** – The Virginia Board for Contractors issued 11 license revocations at its most recent meeting Tuesday, October 24. Following is a summary of the Board's actions.

Copies of the file orders are available online at <a href="www.dpor.virginia.gov">www.dpor.virginia.gov</a> under "License Lookup." Fines are deposited directly into the state Literary Fund, which is used solely for public education purposes such as school construction, renovation, and teacher retirement funding.

# KIM & TEAMS INC. SPRINGFIELD, VA

File Number 2006-01504

COMPLAINANT – Rita Schaefer (Fairfax, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Kim & Teams abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; failed to respond to an investigator; and failed to satisfy a court judgment. BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705073021and \$7,200 in fines.

### File Number 2005-03856

COMPLAINANT – Mrs. Gurbans Gill (Vienna, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Kim & Teams failed to complete work for which it contracted; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705073021 and \$6,955 in fines.

### File Number 2006-00614

COMPLAINANT – Juan Robles (Falls Church, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Kim & Teams failed to complete work for which it contracted; abandoned the project; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705073021 and \$4,950 in fines.

### File Number 2006-00176

COMPLAINANT – Donna Zugris (McLean, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Kim & Teams retained funds related to uncompleted contract items and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705073021 and \$3,350 in fines.

# GREGORY LANG CONAWAY trading as G L CONAWAY BEALETON, VA

File Number 2006-02572

COMPLAINANT – John Walthall (Woodbridge, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Conaway failed to obtain required building permits.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705083491 and \$2,500 in fines.

## JOSHUA MATTHEW HOUCHINS trading as J M HOUCHINS CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VA

File Number 2006-01239

COMPLAINANT – Deborah Trinite (Midlothian, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Houchins failed to operate in the name in which his license was issued; failed to execute a written contract with all required provisions; engaged in misconduct by failing to comply with the building code; failed to satisfy a court judgment; and failed to notify the Board of an address change.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705089027 and \$3,550 in fines.

# CHERIE J. ALTMAN trading as GLORY ENTERPRISES HUDGINS, VA

File Number 2006-02759

COMPLAINANT – Cheryl Winter (Newport News, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Glory failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to obtain required building permits; failed to obtain written change orders; engaged in misconduct by failing to honor a promise to repair; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705069742 and \$3,950 in fines.

# ACS ENVIRONMENTAL INC. NORFOLK, VA

File Number 2006-05160

COMPLAINANT – Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead & Home Inspectors (Richmond, VA) VIOLATIONS – ACS Environmental failed to notify the Board of the firm's and its responsible management's felony convictions for a federal offense.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2701034728 and \$3,000 in fines.

### TWIN STAR GOLD INC.

### NORFOLK, VA

File Number 2006-03589

COMPLAINANT – Dorassa Fields (Chesapeake, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Twin Star failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; abandoned the project; failed to obtain written change orders; and failed to notify the Board of an address change.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705094875.

# KELVIN ETHAN THOMAS trading as THOMAS MAINTENANCE SERVICE BRISTOL, VA

File Number 2006-02998

COMPLAINANT - Angie and Mark Daniels (Bristol, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Thomas failed to execute written contracts with all required provisions; practiced outside his class and specialty of license; failed to obtain required building permits; abandoned the project; failed to respond to an investigator; failed to notify the Board of an address change; and failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705089542 and \$11,800 in fines.

# D & R CONTRACTORS INC. GRUNDY, VA

File Number 2006-05154

VIOLATIONS – D & R Contractors failed to notify the Board of its responsible management's felony convictions for federal offenses.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705031679 and \$500 in fines.

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### About DPOR and the Board for Contractors:

The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) regulates nearly 40 commercial occupations and certain professions. The agency licenses or certifies more than 300,000 individuals and businesses ranging from architects and contractors to cosmetologists and professional wrestlers.

DPOR investigates reports of regulatory violations by licensees; pursues complaints of criminal activity by unlicensed practitioners; responds to business-related consumer inquiries and requests for license checks; administers recovery funds for consumers harmed in contractor or real estate transactions; and conducts mediation services and public awareness campaigns.

The Board for Contractors licenses more than 100,000 Virginia businesses and individuals. The Board is composed of a Class A general contractor; a sub-contractor; contractors specializing in utilities, commercial and industrial buildings, single-family residences, and home improvements; a building supplier; a local building official; licensed tradesmen in plumbing, electrical, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC); and two citizen members.

The Board administers the Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund, which provides monetary relief to eligible consumers who incur losses through the improper and dishonest conduct of a licensed contractor. For more information, visit DPOR online at <a href="https://www.dpor.virginia.gov">www.dpor.virginia.gov</a>.